

The Coot & Holler Gazette

Progressive News of the Old Timers Reunion

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Looking for a unique way to leave your mark? We are excited to announce our latest fundraising project – buying engraved bricks! Originally started in 2011 to raise funds for our new Pavilion, TRA and OTR is reinstating our **Brickhead Program**. This is your chance to contribute to the fund of your choice while creating a lasting memory. Join us in building a foundation of support for our community of TRA and OTR.

Bricks have long been a symbol of strength and resilience, and now you can make them even more powerful by personalizing them. By purchasing an engraved brick, not only are you supporting our organization, but you are leaving a legacy that will be remembered for years to come.

When you purchase an engraved brick, you can choose to have a personal message or the name of a loved one engraved on it. These bricks will be installed in and around the Pavilion, creating a lasting tribute to you or your loved one.

To join us in building memories, simply visit the TRA/OTR donation page on OTR.org and select the brick size and quantity you would like to purchase. You can then customize your brick with your chosen message or name by filling out the form located there. You can also track down Tim Brown, TRA President or Pat Cuttler, TRA Treasurer for more information.

Don't miss out on this chance to leave your mark and support a worthy cause. Purchase an engraved brick today and become a part of our community's legacy. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

Sunday Schedule

8am, Gathering of Believers, Memorial Garden
8am Yoga for Cavers with Emily Goodman at the Event Tent
9am – 6pm, Registration Open
9am – 1pm, OTR Yard Sale, Pavilion
9am – 4pm, TRA Elections, Pavilion
9am – 10am, Sauna closed for cleaning
9:30, TRA Board Meeting, Event Tent
10am, Sauna Opens
10am, NCRC Eastern Regional Annual Meeting (All Welcome), Dome
10:30am – Noon, OTR Quilter's Guild Annual Meeting, Cooters Pub
Noon -4pm OTR Museum Opens
Noon – Grotto Participation Contest, Poster Contest, and Survey Contest end

1pm, Cooters Pub Open
1pm, Podium Contest Award Ceremony for contests including the Cave Kids Challenge, Pavilion
2pm – 5pm, River Party, Tygart River
2pm – 5pm, Johnny Staats and the Delivery Boys performs, River Stage
8pm, TRA / OTR Awards Ceremony, Pavilion
9pm, Brew Crew Opens, Pavilion
9pm, Annual Band-Aid featuring Buzz City Bluegrass Band, Pavilion
Midnight, Last Call at Brew Crew
Midnight, Last Call at Cooters Pub (may close earlier)
4am, Sauna Closes
Please take your camp trash to the dumpsters, not to the trash containers in the Pavilion and around the site*

NEWS FLASH!

COOTERS WILL BE OPEN NORMAL OPERATING HOURS! Thanks to the volunteers who gave up River Party Time to pour beer!

TRA ELECTIONS

If you are a TRA member, please help elect the new TRA Trustees for the next two year term. Running for this year is, in alphabetical order, Dave Akers, Rich Geisler, Alan Staiman and Ruth Williams. Please seek them out and ask them how they will serve you on the TRA Board and head on over to the Pavilion between 9am and 4pm to vote for your candidate.





Why Speakeasies?

Shhhhhhh ... speak quietly when you enter Blind Pig Saloon. You never know how close law enforcement might be on the outside, ready to raid the establishment. Speakeasies were essentially secret bars continuing to serve their patrons alcoholic beverages following the advent of the Volstead Act in 1920. Police officers, often U.S. Marshals, were on the hunt for those back-alley hole-in-the-walls bars catering to their devoted customers. "Speak Quietly" was the given rule in order to avoid detection once admitted inside the establishment.

A few more pieces of the OTR puzzle.

By Joel Jacobs

Laughter from the Event Tent. Muddy caving clothes; coveralls, boots, socks, gloves, sweat-shirts, etc. scattered on the grass and decorating vehicles. Screams of delight. Crunching gravel. Feasts & fires. Yikes, we're old enough to have a museum, thanks to Patty Biddison and the Dale Ibberson collection. Pay a visit. Reminisce.

Sunday Night Activities

Don't forget to come to the Awards Ceremony where both the TRA Awards and OTR Contest Awards will be presented.

Following the Awards Ceremony, Buzz City will once again entertain us with their music and pass the hat to raise money for First Aide.

What's up? by Joel Jacobs

Draco the Dragon is one of the circum-polar constellations that never sets. Its tail originates near Polaris. It then swings around the cup of the little dipper before reversing itself and pointing at the constellation Hercules. The small quadrilateral of its head ends in two stars called the eyes of the dragon. In Greek mythology it was said that this beast belonged to a group known as the Gigantes who fought with the Olympian gods for ten years before Athena killed it and threw it into the heavens where it froze in a twisted shape in the cold northern sky.

*****Please take your camp trash to the dumpsters—Especially as you leave on Monday! Much appreciated DTW (Dirty Deeds)*****

Renew your NSS membership or join the NSS here onsite at Speleobooks on Vendors row. ~ Emily Davis

Renew or join the Northeastern Cave Conservancy at the NCC booth or Speleobooks, both on vendors row. ~ Mike Warner

Mike Reeps memorial is the 16th of September in Stafford Va. 1739 Richmond Hwy Stafford, Va. 22554 all from OTR are welcome! Please RSVP to 540-717-7514, Kim Reep

Bring your clean & dry caving gear to Out Standing Stitches on Vendors Row for onsite repairs! ~ Lauren Leinbach

For 43 of our nearly 53, one ol' grouch & one nice person have some mighty fine **FUN** in this incredible caver community. Thanks All! ~ Fang

Thank a look around—Don't our TRA Grounds look just GORGEOUS!!! Help keep it that way by picking up any trash you see and putting those cig butts in your pockets!

This beautiful campsite is blessed to have its early morning Dirty Deed angels making their rounds. We all appreciate you, Dave and Denny! ~ TRA

Happy Birthday, Chad!

My little miss, what can I say? Saturdays at OTR are always special. 2018 got engaged, 2020 Caver Wedding. Shack walking you in and Ben marrying us. Love you! ~RSO

Welcome to OTR Sarah Collins! Your kind and musical spirit is such a wonderful addition. Love the Vocke Clan

Vote "Big Spoon" Dave Akers for Tra Trustee!

You thought the panty pole at the zoo was impressive? Come near Pittsburgh grotto and see the panty ladder...